

REMARKS

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to be shortened to less than 150 words. Claims 1-19 have been canceled and new claims 20-49 have been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,477,629 to Goshey et al. (hereinafter “Goshey”). This rejection is moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-19.

In regard to added independent claim 20, the cited art does not teach or suggest a boot device comprising a first storage device configured to store an operating system for booting the computer system, and a second storage device configured to store the operating system for booting the computer system, wherein said first storage device and said second storage device appear as a single target device to the computer system. Independent claims 33 and 46 are similarly distinguishable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-65300/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Power of Attorney by Assignee
- Notice of Change of Address
- Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$180.00 for fees (\$180.00 for 10 excess dependent claims).
- Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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